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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A Township Organization Perfected and Much Good Work Done Wednesday.

The township Sunday school convention held at the M. E. church last Wednesday afternoon was not as well attended as it should have been, yet there was some good work done and a foundation laid for future operations. In the absence of the temporary president, F. F. Welsh, T. M. Elliott presided, and H. C. Lomax acted as secretary.

A permanent organization was established by the election of H. J. Libby, president; Wm. Sissons, vice-president; Miss Sarah Duckworth, secretary; E. F. Brenner, treasurer, and the following executive committee: Mrs. Dora Lockridge, J. M. Thompson and Thomas Wallace. The following county executive committee was also made: Benton, Henry Johnson; Locust Creek, D. B. Ormiston; Enterprise, J. F. Davis; North Salem, Perry McCollum; Grantsville, John Guyer; Brookfield, J. S. Reger; Parson Creek, Wm. Howe.

Dr. D. M. Good, missionary for the American Sunday School Union, was present and preached in the afternoon and at night.

Township conventions are to be held quarterly and work in connection with the county organization.

Mr. Allen Confirmed.

The nomination of E. B. Allen as collector of internal revenue at St. Louis was confirmed by the senate last Saturday and Mr. Allen received official notice of the appointment yesterday. The bond will be filed at once and his commission will be forthcoming. He will take charge of the office March 1.

Change at the Racket Store.

L. S. Hill has sold his interest in the Racket store to E. J. Robison, who will continue the business. Mr. Robison has added a line of jewelry and a repair department and will give this branch of the business special attention. Mr. Hill will devote his time to the vapor light business.

VERY LOW RATES

West and Northwest via Burlington Route.

Daily until April 7, 1906, one way tickets will be sold at extremely low rates from Laclede, Mo. Following are samples:

\$27.90 to Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver and many other points in the Pacific Northwest.

\$27.90 to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and hundreds of points in California.

\$27.90 to Spokane and points in the "Inland Empire" of Eastern Washington.

\$27.90 to Salt Lake City, Ogden, Butte, Helena, Anaconda, Great Falls, Missoula and other points in Utah and Montana.

\$25.40 to Billings, Mont., metropolis of a prosperous farming and stock-raising region, abounding in fine irrigated lands.

Daily tourist sleeping car service as follows:

Laclede to San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Denver and Colorado Springs.

Laclede, Mo., to Seattle, via Billings, Butte and Helena.

Corresponding low rates to the Southwest.

Let me answer your questions and give you illustrated folders.

F. F. PRATT,
Agent C. B. & Q. Ry.

As a rule, a man judges all other women by his wife and a woman judges her husband by the worst things she hears about other men.

From Over the County.

A chapter of the order of Eastern Star was instituted at Meadville last Monday night.

The oil pumping station at Marceline was put in operation on Wednesday of last week.

Frank Atwood has rented and moved onto the Hallam farm just southeast of Linneus.

Spillman Riggs has again been secured by the Meadville chautauqua association and will be platform manager this year.

The February term of circuit court convenes at Brookfield next Monday. There are seventy-seven cases on the docket covering six days.

E. N. Keeney returned to his home at Meadville last week after a prospecting tour through Canada where he expects to locate.

There will be an old maids' convention at the church in Forker next Wednesday night, to which all are invited. Admission 15 cents.

At a meeting of the executive committee held at Linneus on Thursday of this week the next annual log rolling of the Linn county log rolling association was given to Browning and will be held in August.

Geo. M. Landree, father of Harry Landree and Mrs. Ollie Jacobs, of Laclede, died at his home at Atlanta, Mo., on Monday of last week, at the age of 75 years. The remains were brought to Meadville for burial.

Geo. B. Milburn, Sr., a well known and highly respected citizen of Linneus, died last Monday in a hospital at Chillicothe where he had been taken for treatment, being afflicted with dropsy. He was 70 years of age and had resided in Linneus since 1866.

The Tamblin ranch of 1200 acres, three miles west of Laclede, has been sold to Jas. Goodwine, of Illinois, for \$54,000 in cash. A public sale of all the stock, farm implements and feed will be held on March 3. Mr. Goodwine will take possession of the farm March 1.

The rural letter carriers' association of Linn county will hold a meeting at Linneus next Thursday. A fine program has been arranged and those attending will be entertained by the Linneus postmaster and carriers. A. E. Louthan is president and J. T. Cushing secretary of the county association.

The many friends of Lark C. Pendleton will be sorry to hear that his long siege of ill health has resulted in mental trouble which has gradually come on him at his home in Chillicothe. He was taken to hospital No. 2 for the insane at St. Joseph the first of the week. We trust he will soon recover.—Marceline Mirror.

At a big mass meeting held last week it was unanimously agreed by the citizens of Brookfield to oppose the present court house proposition to be voted on March 20. The proposition makes no provision for the care and safety of the court records at Brookfield, therefore it is not considered best to vote the extra \$50,000 tax levy at this time.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with the first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At W. R. Barton's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

Rev. A. L. Pipes, independent holiness evangelist, will fill his regular appointment here, preaching at the Presbyterian church Saturday night, Sunday morning and night at the usual hours. All are cordially invited to come out and hear him.

THE BLADE desires to publish all church, society and lodge news of public interest and would be pleased to have the officers and members of the various societies see that such items are furnished, as it is impossible for us to get them any other way.

Geo. C. Smith was in Marceline this week spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Anna Edwards. Mrs. Edwards' many Laclede friends are glad to hear that she is getting better from her recent illness with bright prospects of complete recovery.

C. B. and W. R. Dagger, who have moved here from Illinois, unloaded their car last Saturday, the former moving onto his farm a half mile east of town and the latter onto the Kent farm southwest of town. C. B. Dagger has two fine Percheron stallions that he brought from Illinois.

The anniversary of the birth of two of our great men comes in February—that of Abraham Lincoln February 12th and that of George Washington February 22nd. The subject for the morning service at the Methodist church tomorrow will be: "Lessons from the Lives of Great Men." You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.

Locust Creek township is not the only place in Linn county where big trees grow. On last Christmas day a bur oak tree on the Yount farm two miles northeast of Laclede, now owned by Martin Mahurin, was felled that was six feet through at the ground. From it was made 505 good fence posts and 15 big loads of wood. Counting its age by year's growth the tree was found to be 240 years old.

The American Reading Circle met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Benson, the subject for the evening being "Lincoln"—a very interesting subject indeed. Each member there was given a pretty bunch of mistletoe sent them by Mrs. Pratt while visiting in Texas. Dainty refreshments were served and at a late hour the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bigger February 27.

The construction gang of the American telegraph-telephone company, the new line that is being built across Missouri, reached Laclede this week and is camped in the northeast part of town. Several teams are used in hauling out the poles. The line comes into town from the east on the north road, runs across the Gould farm and continues west on the Meadville road. It is understood that this line is to be operated in competition with the Bell and Western Union companies.

At the municipal election to be held April 3 a mayor, marshal and two members of the city council, one from each ward, are to be elected. Although the election is more than a month off, candidates for the various offices to be filled are being talked of. For mayor C. E. Hilton and Jas. E. Welsh are the ones most frequently mentioned. The marshal's office will of course go begging unless Robert Wood, the present incumbent, will consent to take it another term. For alderman from west ward F. R. Power is most frequently mentioned, and in the east ward A. S. Byrd is looked upon as the available man. Doubtless other candidates will be brought out, but the above about covers the list at this time.

Some Evening Reveries.

Young man or young woman, if you have a mother living, love her. One little rose to her while she is living is worth vastly more to her than all the flowers you can pile on her coffin after she is dead. One little kind word is worth more to her than all the money you can expend at her funeral. Your mother may be growing old; if so, love her, be kind to her. She loves you and will do more for you than any other person living; so take her as the best friend you have or will have.

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Many are the rough places we tread from the cradle to the grave; many are the sighs and tears, discouragements, but we can extract joy from the most desert places on the way and amidst the most piercing heartaches by the thought that we have made others happy and that there is perpetual morning only a little way off. At every step of the way we travel let us gather all the flowers that bloom and revel amid all the beauty there is, but never forgetting the sweetest and best happiness that can possibly thrill the soul is that which comes from a consciousness of loving and being loved; and we can never love or be loved unless we are willing to live for others.

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Boys, be industrious. The world wants earnest workers. God never intended for anyone to be idle. The more work you do, the sweeter will be your sleep and brighter and happier your holidays. Take off your coat and make a dust in the world. But we would not repress your buoyant spirits or shut you out from all that is glad and happy in this beautiful world. We would like to pass an ordinance for each neighborhood to have a large playground, where the boys could meet, at least once a week, and enjoy a holiday. We would have it just as pleasant as it could be made, shaded by lovely trees, plenty of soft grass to tumble on and singing birds overhead. This will be so much nicer for our boys than loitering on street corners. We would have the old fashioned games our grandfathers played and all modern improvements for developing the muscles. But, listen boys, we would not have any pastime you would blush for your parents or sisters to witness, such as scorch and wither every high and noble aspiration, degrade the soul and prepare the way for many of the sins that now corrupt society. We would not have that lovely spot desecrated by an oath or a cigarette.

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We say to our friends, one and all, cultivate the home virtues, the household beauties of existence. Endeavor to make the little circle of domestic life a cheerful, an intelligent, a kindly and a happy one. Whatever may go wrong in the world of business and trade, however arduous may be the struggle for fame or fortune, let nothing mar the purity of reciprocal love, or throw into its harmonious existence the apple of discord.

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The mother who radiates peace radiates strength also. The restlessness, the noise, the rush of the life of today, make it all the more necessary to maintain within the home an atmosphere of serenity and sweetness, so that, the threshold once crossed, the outside noise and clatter and strife are left securely behind. This is, perhaps, an old-fashioned conception of home. Many women nowadays want to turn the home into the street, so to speak, and make "the world's work" everything and the home life nothing. But a restful home, once experienced, is a joy above the promises of progress to disturb, and a restful—and intelligent—woman alone can make it.

DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Local Paragraphs Picked up by Pungent Pencil Pusher.

Next Thursday is a legal holiday for rural letter carriers and there will be no delivery of mail on Washington's birthday.

Martin Kneeland has been at West Plains this week looking for a farm location. While there he visited with W. C. Ring and family, who send best regards to their many Laclede friends.

During the remainder of the season the skating rink will be open but twice a week—Wednesday and Saturday nights. If you are not a regular attendant you are missing a whole lot of the best amusement.

M. B. Harter, the well known horse breeder and farmer from Clay township, was in Laclede Wednesday. Mr. Harter has recently purchased a fine Percheron stallion known as Revier, which in connection with his registered saddler, standard bred trotter and mammoth jack makes his stable one of the best in this part of the state.

There are to be several new residences built in Laclede this year. F. W. Gould has the plans and specifications made for a new home that will be built during the summer. F. M. Connor will replace his present home with one that will be modern and up-to-date throughout. John T. Lomax and Dr. F. W. Burke are to build in the early spring, and there are others. It is a certainty that this year is to see many valuable improvements made in Laclede.

P. F. Felt tries newspaper making and edits one whole page of THE BLADE today. Mr. Felt's stuff is always interesting, especially to the farmers, and the farmer can with profit devote time to a careful perusal of the fourth page of this impression. Mr. Felt has been in business here continuously since 1866 and it is a compliment to his energy, ability and fair dealing that his business has steadily increased until he is now acknowledged the largest dealer in farm machinery in North Missouri. He has already received several carloads of new goods and is this early in the season prepared to furnish the farmers with any piece of machinery they may need, and the wise ones will waste no time in looking elsewhere, but come to Laclede as soon as they find they have to buy this spring.

P. E. O. Valentine Party.

The second division of the P. E. O.'s, composed of Mesdames Hamilton, Eccles and Gould and Miss Emma Gould, entertained the chapter with a valentine party at the home of Mrs. Abbie Gould Wednesday afternoon. One of the principal amusements was the archery contest. Mrs. Bruns, being the only one to pierce the heart with the arrow, won the prize, a beautiful china pitcher.

On entering the dining-room, each lady found her place at the table by her name on a small red heart. The table was beautifully decorated with hearts and ferns.

The menu cards were a work of art by Miss Emma Gould.

MENU.

Chicken	Biscuit
Pickles	Fruit Salad
Cake	Ice Cream
	Coffee

The nuts to be cracked, passed at the close of the meal, were found to contain comic valentines which caused much merriment, and all departed feeling that the ladies know well how to entertain.

For Sale.

One 12 gauge shot gun, winchester, pump, take down, 6 shot, good as new. Price right. J. H. BROWN.